



## ILCAAAP

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Dear Teacher/Parent:

Alcohol Awareness Month is held each year during the month of April. In concurrence with this event, ILCAAAP / Illinois Churches In Action is sponsoring the 22nd Annual Poster Contest for students in grades 6 – 12.

**Alcohol is the drug most frequently used and abused by young people, and the one that causes the most negative health consequences. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), alcohol is responsible for more than 4,300 annual deaths among underage youth, and youth aged 12 to 20 years old drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) shows that 37% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders, 21% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and 6% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been drunk at least once in the past year.**

We encourage you to participate in this poster contest with students in health education, science or art classes. Use the enclosed "Did You Know" sheet to educate youth that alcohol is a drug that harms their developing brain. **Posters should illustrate the values of not drinking and promote a "no use" message.** Go to our website [www.ilcaap.org](http://www.ilcaap.org) for additional information on underage drinking and to view winning entries from prior years.

### ***Important dates to remember:***

Friday, March 31, 2017	Deadline to enter
Friday, April 7, 2017	Winners notified by phone
April, 2017	Winning entries displayed in State Capitol for Alcohol Awareness Month

If you have any questions or would like additional educational information about alcohol, please contact Illinois Churches In Action at 217-546-6871 or toll free at 866-940-6871.

Sincerely,

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Youth Director

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